

DEC 1951

U.S. Officials Only

CONFIDENTIAL

ONI DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

25X1A

COUNTRY Angola

REPORT NO. []

SUBJECT Ambriz, Port Information

RESPONSIVE TO	
1	2
[]	[]
[]	[]
[]	[]
[]	[]
[]	[]
[]	[]

PLACE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE) []

25X1A

25X1A

DATE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE) []

25X1X

DATE (OF INFO.) []

DATE DISTR. 2 JUNE 54

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794 OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

NO. OF PAGES 2

NO. OF ENCLS.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1X

SUPP. TO REPORT NO.

SOURCE []

The Office of Naval Intelligence furnished the following information to CIA for IAC dissemination in accordance with paragraph 3c of NSCID #7. This information was obtained by DIO-3ND and was forwarded as ONI report 58-54.7

- General:** The port of Ambriz (Lat 7° 50'S; Long 13° 08'E) is an open roadstead with no landing facilities for ocean-going vessels. The traffic in the port is mainly coffee for export.
- Hydrography:** Ships anchor about one and one-half miles off the beach in five or six fathoms of water. There are no obstructions to navigation, but the swell is often bad, especially during the rainy season (April to August). In approaching the port, the source takes bearings on the warehouse described below.
- Lighterage:** On the date of this information, there were five steel lighters at Ambriz. These have a capacity of 40 to 50 tons. It is understood that about ten such lighters are used by the two ports of Ambriz and Amboim, usually with five at each port depending on the traffic.
- Tugboat:** A diesel-powered tugboat about 20 feet long maneuvers the lighters from ship to shore.
- Finger Pier:** A finger pier about 300 feet long and 30 feet wide serves the lighters. Constructed of both wood and steel pilings with wooden decking. The pier has about five feet of water alongside its seaward end at mean low water and rises about eight or nine feet above the water at mean low water. It runs onto the beach with about three-quarters of its length over the water. There is a small-gauge track running from the warehouse out onto the pier. The hand cars on this track are about five feet by 2½ feet and hold 20 bags of coffee each.
- Warehouse:** Situated about 500 feet back from the finger pier is a one-story warehouse measuring about 100 feet by 200 feet. It is built of stone and concrete (painted white) and has a red Spanish tile roof. Coffee is stored within the warehouse, which sits about ten to 15 feet above sea level.

U.S. Officials Only

CONFIDENTIAL

SEE LAST PAGE FOR SUBJECT & AREA CODE

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	ARMY	NAVY	AIR	FEI															
--------------	-------	------	------	-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1A

-2-

7. Communications: Ambriz is in contact with other Angolan ports by telephone and telegraph. There is no railroad, and the road to Luanda is impassable during the rainy season. When dry, it can be traversed by 5-ton trucks.
8. Supplies & Services: Ambriz has fresh water for local needs only. No repair facilities exist and supplies cannot be obtained. There is a Portuguese doctor in the port, but his qualifications are not known.
9. Loading Rate: Source's ship loaded 150 tons of coffee in eight hours on the date of this information.

-end-

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

LIBRARY SUBJECT & AREA CODES

756.548	51
756.543	12
756.01	12
756.549	12
756.544	02
756.545	12